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(57) Abstract: A photopolymer printing plate precursor is disclosed comprising in this order a photosensitive coating and a protective coating on a support, wherein said photosensitive coating comprises a composition that is photopolymerizable upon absorption of light, said composition comprising a binder, a polymerizable compound, a sensitizer and a photoinitiator, and wherein said protective coating comprises one or more types of polyvinylalcohol, characterized in that said photoinitiator is a hexaaryl-bisimidazole compound and the mean saponification degree of all the polyvinylalcohols which are used in the protective coating is less than 93 mol-%. Said printing plate precursor has high speed and a good pre-heat latitude.

